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Mother of Civil Rights Movement honored

By Gilda Rogers
Staff Writer

EAST ORANGE — "Once upon a time when we were colored" in America, she was a thorn in the side of the white establishment. But for proud African Americans, Rosa Parks—the mother of the Civil Rights movement—was the sweet smell of a rose as she visited the Cicely Tyson Academy for the Performing Arts.

For young and old residents and dignitaries who gathered at the school to receive Parks, the scene was nothing less than a historic event. Clad in a bright pink skirt and matching striped top, Parks was greeted at her limousine by award-winning actress Cicely Tyson. Confined to a wheelchair, Parks, 86, was pushed by Tyson through the official welcoming line, while the crowd chanted "Rosa! Rosa!"

East Orange Mayor Robert Bowser, who proclaimed June 11 Rosa Parks day, Superintendent of Schools John Howard Jr., and School Board President Sheila Oliver all welcomed Parks and praised how she personally paved the way for them to be in such high places.

"From 1865-1955 there were a series of problems that the black culture experienced," said Howard. "Lynchings, beatings, killings,

Rosa Parks

blacks being tarred, feathered and burned, and in the midst of these problems a lady named Rosa Parks stood tall for Civil Rights, and because of her we can stand up here today."

The Rosa L. Parks High School Choir from Paterson, clad in formal black-and-white attire, opened the program with the complete Black National Anthem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing."

Pulling out a red carpet of performers, the Cicely Tyson School of the Performing Arts raised the roof of the school with inspirational choral selections from its own chorus. The audience was mesmerized by the school's dance troupe, and

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Cicely Tyson celebrates Rosa Parks' arrival along with Laura Trimmings the principal of the Cicely Tyson School of the Performing Arts, right.

Civil Rights Act: after 35 years is it too early to celebrate?

By Lucy Sanchez
Staff Writer

Although the foundation of the United States was carefully constructed to protect the freedom and rights of citizens with legislation such as the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights the interpretation was totally different for minority groups.

After centuries of struggles, protests, and hardships black America will celebrate the 35th anniversary of one of the most prolific bills ever passed in history. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 was signed on June 26, in order to protect the rights and privileges of all citizens, spearheaded by African Americans.

President John F. Kennedy proposed the act in 1963, however, it was passed under President Lyndon B. Johnson's leadership after Kennedy's assassination and through much debate in the legislature.

The Civil Rights Act of 1964 banned discrimination because of a person's national origin, religion or sex. It forbade discrimination by employers, government agencies, businesses and public places. It created the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, established a Commu-

ty Relations Service to arbitrate local race problems; outlawed segregation; provided financial aid to schools during the desegregation process; and outlawed poll taxes and literacy tests which prevented many African Americans from voting. But it was Fannie Lou Hamer's national voter-registration program organized under the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) that challenged these tactics. With the subtle erosion of Affirmative Action shouldn't more African Americans be making a concerted presence at the voting polls?

As we look forward to celebrating the independence of this country be reminded that in Jasper, Texas, James Byrd was killed in a fashion reminiscent to the horrific lynchings of the past. Thirty-five years after the Civil Rights Act was passed there is still a need to protect the rights of black people, when you consider the Abner Louima and Amadou Diallo tragedies.

Indeed, this bill did foster growth for African Americans which took its least from the 13th Amendment, which abolished slavery. Then came along Plessy vs. Ferguson case in 1896, which permitted the "separate but equal" rule. After decades of

protest, Brown vs. Board of Education in 1954, overturned segregation in public schools. And this increased the opportunities for African Americans to excel in higher education.

Harvard gave America Ralph Bunche, who was the first African American to win the Nobel Peace Prize. Not only did Jackie Robinson's unmatchable baseball athleticism break the color barrier in sports but he was educated at UCLA. Martin Luther King's days at Morehouse empowered him with words of the ministry which helped heal human suffrage and inequality. Spawning a new movement was Malcolm X's fiery emergence of black prowess for power.

These ancestral voices of heroes and heroines are the freedom fighters who were at the forefront of the African-American journey to equality. Where is this equality now?

Are you on the forefront, like a Rev. Al Sharpton, combating injustices that are prevalent in many of our communities today? Or are you a silent majority oblivious to the visions of the Civil Rights Act of 1964? As you celebrate the independence of black America ask yourself if you are doing your part in keeping the torch of freedom ignited?

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— Declaration of Independence

On this historic occasion of celebrating the last Fourth of July of the 20th Century, we encourage the citizens of New Jersey, particularly those in black and urban communities, to take a stand for the betterment of our communities by proclaiming our independence from those things that have kept us from reaching our full potential.

We invite you to join with communities across our great state as we sow the seeds of freedom and justice now to reap a great harvest for ourselves and most importantly for our children. This joint venture for our freedom is CityNet, an initiative of City News Publishing Company.

CITYNET is a deliberate and sustained initiative to build and unite New Jersey's black and urban communities. The three primary objectives are to foster, encourage, and support the broad-based exchange of information, to create and produce a comprehensive array of inclusive statewide programs, and to publicly recognize all levels of achievement, both individual and collective.

By joining together all segments of our state's population in this new initiative, we believe that renewing our efforts for educational excellence, better employment opportunities, healthy lifestyles, affordable quality housing, spiritual renewal, economic development and civic pride, among other concerns, are achievable goals. From Paterson to Camden, CityNet will serve as the community center which unites the gospel of the church with the reformation of the education system; the voting drives in the political arena to the accumulation of wealth in urban communities. CityNet will reflect the spirit of the city and the people and forces that keep that spirit alive.

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Motorists still targeted for driving while black

By Carl Chase
Staff Writer

NEW BRUNSWICK — Illegal racial profiling is not only a nationwide reality, but it is found at all levels of law enforcement, experts said during a June 12 seminar on racial profiling at Rutgers State University, in New Brunswick. "In New Jersey," said Secretary of State Rev. Buster Soares, "We haven't even begun to look at profiling on the local level."

Not only does it fail to improve policing results, but some police don't even know they're doing it, said one expert, a Temple University statistician. "They may be profiling worse than the state police," said Prof. John Lambert, who has studied the data for numerous court cases in New Jersey, Pennsylvania and other states.

"The Philadelphia police are profiling," he said. "It's local, state. I mean you can look at it in any place. It wasn't the odds would be if I could find a police force that wasn't profiling."

Rebuking Lambert, the head of the Maryland State Police applied traffic stop data on the I-95 corridor north of

ters Council said it all relates to the federal government's war on drugs. Col. (Carl) Williams (the former State Police chief fired for racist remarks) talked about the numbers. But those numbers are people who were stopped just because of their race."

State-Ledger reporter Kathy Barrett Carter, who broke the story, said most of those arrests involve small amounts of drugs. "Many people seem to be doing it not an effective method of law enforcement."

Though many police are trained to target minorities in order to stop drugs, Lambert said, "you don't gain anything by going after minorities. In Maryland if you look at the data on their 'hits' (funding drugs), when they search a black person—and 73 percent of the people searched are black—they have a 28 percent chance of a hit, and when they search a white person it's the same."

"The New Jersey attorney general, in that report that we put out, stated that 10.5 percent of searches of whites indicate a hit, and 13.5 percent of searches of blacks indicate a hit," Lambert said. "Which would indicate the numbers aren't far apart, and we already have a couple of state troopers under indictment for falsifying records. That narrows them even more."

Rev. Reginald Jackson

Community Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

BLOOMFIELD — The Essex County Park System presents its The Metropolitan Opera production of "La Bohème" as part of the 1999 Summer Concert Series at Brookdale Park. 8 p.m. (973) 268-3500.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

MONTCLAIR — The Essex County Parks Office holds a town hall outreach meeting at the Montclair Municipal Building. 8:30 a.m. (973) 821-4921.

EAST RUTHERFORD — Meadows Fair will take place at Giant Stadium. Call (201) 933-0199 for information.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

SHREWSBURY — SingleFacs, Inc. hosts a singles function at the Radisson Hotel. 9 p.m. (732) 462-2406.

NEW BRUNSWICK — The Crossroads Theater Company presents the gospel play "Another Chance." Call (973) 606-2552 for time and information.

MIDDLETOWN — The Monmouth County Park System hosts a nature program entitled "Night Lights" at the Holmdel Park Activity Center. 8:30 a.m. (732) 642-4095.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

NEWARK — Karim Abdallah Productions presents The Hard Point Karate Championships at the Essex County College Gymnasium. 8 p.m. (973) 823-8419.

FAIRFIELD — SingleFacs, Inc. hosts a singles function at the Radisson Hotel. 9 p.m. (732) 462-2406.

PISCATAWAY — The Fire Apparatus Association of Central Jersey presents the Sixth Annual Fire Apparatus Show at Middlesex County Fire Academy. 10 a.m. (732) 463-7445.

OCEAN CITY — The Antique Auto Show and Boardwalk Parade takes place at Tabernacle Grounds. Call (609) 625-9300 for time and information.

LOCUST — The Monmouth County Park System hosts a snake and rattle show at the Huber Woods Environmental Center. 1:30 p.m. (732) 642-4000.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

LINCROFT — The Monmouth County Park System hosts a trip to Lily's Langley's Dinner Theater in Prussia, PA for food and music with live music from the 50's and 60's. 1:45 p.m. (732) 942-4000.

ISELIN — SingleFacs, Inc. hosts a singles function at the Woodbridge Hilton. 8 p.m. (732) 462-2406.

NEW YORK — The Morris-Jumel Mansion hosts a neighborhood with the Urban Park Rangers. 11 a.m. (212) 925-4808.

NEWARK — The New Jersey Tenants Organization (NJTO) hosts its Seventeenth Annual Ronald B. Atlas Leadership Awards Breakfast at the First Trust Inn in Cedar Grove. Call (201) 342-3775 for time and information.

Residents come out for Newark's job fair



NEWARK — The Mayor's Office of Employment and Training (MOET), in conjunction with some of the largest private sector industries, conducted a day-long One-Stop-Job-Shop fair recently at Essex County College, in Newark. The One-Stop-Job-Shop featured corporate headhunters from the region's largest private sector businesses who interviewed, recruited and hired Newark residents for the newly listed entry- and advanced-level positions. "This is a great opportunity for those residents seeking meaningful employment," said Mayor Sharpe James. "The One-Stop-Job-Shop fair will focus on training, and on-the-spot hiring," added Director of MOET, Daniel Ackvol. Sponsored by the Mayor's Office of Employment and Training, city residents brought copies of their resumes and letters of recommendation to the job fair. They were dressed for success and ready for hire. Major corporations participating included Chase Manhattan Bank, Sears, Roebuck & Company, Marriott, Saint Barnabas Health Care Systems, Bell Atlantic, Prudential, Organon, Inc., Hilton, Gateway Hotel, Summit Bank, Xerox, Broad National Bank, The Newark Bears, and Coca-cola, among many others.



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National Briefs

BROADCASTERS GIVE NATIONAL AWARD TO UPN 9 NEWS

SEACALCUS, NJ — WWOR/UPN 9 News has won the 1999 National Edward R. Murrow Award for Overall Excellence in a television news organization for major market stations. The award is given annually by the Radio Television News Directors Association. "With this award, it is fair to say that we have the best large market television news operation in the nation, as determined by the news executives of the Radio Television News Directors Association," said Will J. Wright, News Director, UPN 9. To be eligible to win the national Murrow award, UPN 9 had to do well in the RTNDA regional awards, which were judged earlier in the year. In that competition, they won three Regional Edward R. Murrow Awards for Overall Excellence, Best Newscast and Continuing Coverage. That victory set the stage for "The big one" which was just officially announced.

BAY OF PIGS VETS TO CONSTRUCT MEMORIAL SITE

ELIZABETH, NJ — Veterans from the Bay of Pigs Vets Association 2500 Brigade North Zone Chapter proposed the construction of a monument at the Veterans Memorial Waterfront Park in Elizabeth to Mayor Chris Bollwage and other officials at a breakfast last Sunday.

"The Association will present a sketch to the city for approval this month. Upon approval of the plan a committee will be in charge of all collection and expenditures of the project."

"It is an honor for the City of Elizabeth to have a monument that commemorates the lives of the men who fought in the Bay of Pigs," said Mayor Bollwage. "These men gave their lives to bring democracy to their land and their loved ones."

LET FREEDOM RING FOR MUMIA ABU JAMAL

PHILADELPHIA, PA — In 1995, with only 10 days left before his scheduled execution, the international movement for Mumia Abu Jamal's liberation stopped the state from killing him. Once again, the movement to save Mumia's life has reached a critical juncture. Chief defense lawyer Leonard Weinglass has stated clearly that Mumia's federal appeals, while not exhausted, cannot be relied upon to stop an execution. History has shown repeatedly — in the movements for women's suffrage, civil rights, an end to the Vietnam war, AIDS and workers' rights and police accountability — civil disobedience has forced those in power to respond to the people's demands for justice. There will be mass nonviolent civil disobedience action at the Liberty Bell on Saturday, July 3, 1999 at 12:00 noon in Philadelphia, PA along with a simultaneous July 3 support vigil and a huge July 4 Legal March through Philly and rally at the Liberty Bell.

WATTS PRAISES ROSA PARKS ON GOLD MEDAL

WASHINGTON — House Republican Conference Chairman J.C. Watts, Jr. (R-Okl.) issued the following statement as Congress prepared to honor Mrs. Rosa Parks in a Capitol Hill ceremony on June 15.

"I am delighted to join my colleagues in Congress and others to honor Mrs. Rosa Parks with the Congressional Gold Medal for her tremendous contributions to the civil rights movement. This is the highest award Congress can bestow on a civilian and I can think of no more deserving in this country than Rosa Parks."

PRICE TAG FOR 2000 CENSUS JUMPS \$1.7 BILLION

(NNPA) — The Census Bureau estimates that it will need an extra \$1.7 billion to conduct the census next year, bringing the total fiscal year 2000 (FY00) funding request for the decennial count to \$4.5 billion. The Bureau says the extra funds are needed to comply with a January Supreme Court ruling that prohibits the use of sampling methods to count the population for purposes of congressional apportionment.

Menendez promotes election of Latinos to public office

WASHINGTON — Congressman Bob Menendez (D-NJ-13th), the Democratic Caucus Vice Chair, announced "Election Latina," a two-day conference sponsored by the Hispanic National Bar Association and the National Association of Latino Elected Officials (NALEO) to promote the election of Hispanic women to public office.

Congressman Menendez made the following remarks at a morning press

conference.

"I am proud to be standing here with my fellow members of Congress at the kick-off for 'Election Latina,' an exciting new national campaign training institute committed to increasing the number of Latinos elected at all levels of government."

All five Latina Congresswomen have been working with the Hispanic National Bar Association and the National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials to see the dream become a reality. On the last weekend in June at De Paul University

in Chicago, IL, Congresswomen Grace Napolitano, Ileana Ros-Lehtinen, Lucille Roybal-Allard, Loretta Sanchez, and Nydia Velazquez will be serving as Honorary Co-Chairs of the inaugural "Election Latina" conference — that's an accomplishment we can all be proud of.

The nearly 30 million Americans of Hispanic origin form a powerful force that is growing strength with each passing year. Our grandchildren and great grandchildren will be the Latinos who take up one-quarter of this country's population in 2050. In years past, here

and in other countries and regions, our parents' abuses and abuses may have planted seeds in the field to provide nourishment for our families. By working to promote the election of Latinos to public office, we are also planting seeds now, and this harvest will ensure political empowerment for future generations.

The "Election Latina" conference will provide essential campaign training for interested Latinos from across the country. There will be seminars on campaign management, fund raising, message development, and media relations. The goal is to provide Latinos with the

training to develop the leadership skills necessary to enter the political arena.

We are all truly fortunate to have these five Latinas here in Congress, but we really should remember that there has NEVER been a Latina in the U.S. Senate and there should be. The last American of Hispanic descent to serve in the U.S. Senate — and there have been only three — left office in 1977. These outstanding Latina members want more company in the House and need partners in the Senate and that is what they are setting out to achieve with "Election Latina."

Burger King: Named Corp of the year by 100 Black Men

ATLANTA — 100 Black Men of America, a national alliance of African-American male mentors devoted to helping African-American youth, announced that Burger King Corporation has been selected as the "Corporation of the Year."

The award was presented to Burger King Corporation's CEO Dennis Malamatinas during the 100 Black Men's National Convention in Detroit, June 9-14.

"Burger King has set a standard for community involvement, diversity and inclusion for other corporations to emulate," said Thomas Dorch, Jr., National President of 100 Black Men. "This award recognizes Burger King's outstanding commitment and achievements."

"We are honored to have been selected as 'Corporation of the Year' by the 100 Black Men of America," said Burger King's CEO Dennis Malamatinas. "I want to take this opportunity to thank the 100 Black Men, our customers, employees and suppliers. Burger King Corporation is an employer of choice for people from all backgrounds. We will continue to make diversity a part of our core business values."

Burger King Corporation was recognized for the following diversity initiatives:

Creating the Diversity Action Council. An independent working advisory board to Burger King Corporation that facilitates business development and trade between Burger King Corporation and minority business communities and to remove barriers that impede good business relationships. Diversity Action Council members include minority business leaders and franchisees.

Adopting Minority Franchise Outreach and Development. Burger King Corporation actively recruits new minority franchisees into its system, then assists in the development of sound operators, and advocates on their behalf.

Recruiting Minority Suppliers. Burger King Corporation, a member of the National Minority Development Council, has implemented a plan to identify and develop minority suppliers. Burger King Corporation and its purchasing agent, Restaurant Services, Inc., have

committed their resources to increase procurement from approved minority suppliers to a minimum of five percent of all purchases by the year 2000.

Community Relations - Burger King Corporation is committed to youth education and jobs, and since 1988, has donated more than \$3 million in one-year start-up grants for Burger King Academies (BKAs), which assist high-risk youth by helping them stay in school. BKAs have served more than 9,000 students (68 percent of whom are minorities) and their families.

"Obviously, community involvement and meaningful diversity help a company's bottom line," said Dorch. "But Burger King's outreach efforts have had, and will continue to have, an immeasurable and positive impact on the communities they serve. Community involvement, diversity, inclusion and respect for minorities in corporate America are not as they should be. Therefore, we are especially pleased and dutybound to acknowledge Burger King's efforts and accomplishments. The 100 Black Men of America is proud to call Burger King our friend."

Viva Puerto Rico: A culture celebrates its history



Flags, salsa, dancing and masks were some of the sights at the annual National Puerto Rican Day Parade on June 13. Thousands of people of all nationalities flocked to the event in New York City to celebrate the pride and culture of the Puerto Rican heritage. Notable on hand were talk-show host Gerardo Rivera, community activist Rev. Al Sharpton, U.S. Sen. Charles Schumer, actor Edward James Olmos, actress Jennifer Lopez and rap-music Sen. "Puffy" Combs. Florete, bearing the names of Geronimo, Frito, and Matia Island, showered the crowd with freebies. Also on hand was a column of Latin police officers. Local television networks and radio stations broadcasted the celebration live.

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As we leave the 20th Century, African Americans have finally been endowed their human rights. We now have the right to vote, to an education, to practice religion, etc.

All the rights, liberties and freedoms that African Americans use the right to remain silent could be the most detrimental to us as a people. The right to remain silent. The right to not protest when our politicians do not reflect the needs and wants of the African-American community. The right to not protest when our children are not receiving a quality education. The right to not vote because you don't think your vote can make a difference. The right to not own businesses or support minority-owned businesses because you ignore the power of the dollar and self-sufficient communities. The right — your right, — your right, — to not fight when you see injustice, discrimination, inequality and human suffering.

The Declaration of Human Rights states that all people are born free and are equal in dignity and rights. The Declaration of Independence states "wherever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the right of the People to alter it, and to institute new government, laying its foundation on such principles and organizing its powers in such form, as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness."

With silence comes passivity and servitude. No longer can we afford to do that. If it is the government, the education system, your children or your neighbor you must help them rise. You must help them bestow their civil and civil rights. Therefore, in the words of Marcus Garvey, "UP YOU MIGHTY RACE!" You have the right to defend your rights and safety. Defend it with all your might. Defend the struggles of your ancestors and protect the future of your children. For until we are all free, none of us are truly free.

Protecting the right to choose a union

By Norman Hill

Why should workers join unions? Here are some of the reasons.

In the past year, 400,000 manufacturing jobs disappeared. Offering them was a gain in service-sector jobs, but they pay 10 percent less than the private sector. They replaced the reason is that the service sector is significantly less unionized than the manufacturing sector.

Employers are funning more and more to temporary and part-time workers, who receive lower wages than full-time employees and few if any benefits. Individual workers cannot do much to prevent the replacement of full-time workers by management. But unions can. Two years ago, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters went on strike against the United Parcel Service and won its major demand: a reversal of the trend toward part-timers. Because they historically have been the most exploited workers, African Americans have benefited especially from trade union membership. In 1992, the full-time membership of black union members were \$486, nearly 30 percent higher than the \$222 received by nonunion black workers.

Non-union workers have no power when they and their employers have no common interest. Only unionized workers can bargain with their employers on an equal footing. Unfortunately, many workers who understand this reality, and who want to join unions are being prevented from doing so by stepped-up management campaigns against unionization. In many cases, employers react to union organizing drives by intimidating workers and firing those who support the union. In many public sector workers' unions, employers do not accept defeat even after the employees have voted for union representation. They appeal the results of the election, and they may have no legitimate cause for complaint, the appeals process can take years as it moves from one level to another.

The AFL-CIO wants to help these workers, and to make public officials and the general public aware of the need to defend the freedom of workers' union to eliminate the employers' unfair advantages during union organizing drives. Therefore, the labor federation is organizing "7 Days in June for Freedom to Choose a Voice at Work." From June 19 through June 25, workers and their employers, together with their union, public officials, clergy and community supporters, will join together across the nation for forums, hearings, marches, and rallies. So far, over 40 events have been planned, and dozens of additional activities are in the drawing board.

In Houston, for example, the Harris County Central Labor Council will take its "Justice Bus" on the road to sites where workers who want to join a union are being frustrated by employers who are illegally trying to keep them out. In Miami, the Dade County Central Labor Council and individual unions will rally to the support of the employees of Dade

Community College. They have voted against the union busting "Dade County Community College, a local of the American Federation of Teachers. Management, however, is stalling through job disappearance. Offering them was a gain in service-sector jobs, but they pay 10 percent less than the private sector. They replaced the reason is that the service sector is significantly less unionized than the manufacturing sector.

Employers are funning more and more to temporary and part-time workers, who receive lower wages than full-time employees and few if any benefits. Individual workers cannot do much to prevent the replacement of full-time workers by management. But unions can. Two years ago, the International Brotherhood of Teamsters went on strike against the United Parcel Service and won its major demand: a reversal of the trend toward part-timers. Because they historically have been the most exploited workers, African Americans have benefited especially from trade union membership. In 1992, the full-time membership of black union members were \$486, nearly 30 percent higher than the \$222 received by nonunion black workers.

Non-union workers have no power when they and their employers have no common interest. Only unionized workers can bargain with their employers on an equal footing. Unfortunately, many workers who understand this reality, and who want to join unions are being prevented from doing so by stepped-up management campaigns against unionization. In many cases, employers react to union organizing drives by intimidating workers and firing those who support the union. In many public sector workers' unions, employers do not accept defeat even after the employees have voted for union representation. They appeal the results of the election, and they may have no legitimate cause for complaint, the appeals process can take years as it moves from one level to another.

The AFL-CIO wants to help these workers, and to make public officials and the general public aware of the need to defend the freedom of workers' union to eliminate the employers' unfair advantages during union organizing drives. Therefore, the labor federation is organizing "7 Days in June for Freedom to Choose a Voice at Work." From June 19 through June 25, workers and their employers, together with their union, public officials, clergy and community supporters, will join together across the nation for forums, hearings, marches, and rallies. So far, over 40 events have been planned, and dozens of additional activities are in the drawing board.

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Still fighting the color of the sword

By Askin Muhammad

At the risk of saying something which could be twisted into a blanket embrace of the unremorseable by some racist, I wish to take exception with the protest by a Republican Council Member who resigned recently to the removal of a portrait of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee from an outdoor gallery.

In the first place Robert E. Lee is remembered as an absolute military genius, among the world's great commanders. His brilliant battlefield tactics are still taught in military schools everywhere. 134 years after he surrendered to Gen. Ulysses S. Grant at the Courthouse in Appomattox, VA.

But more importantly, it was his loyalty to his home state of Virginia and not his racist views which led him to resign from the Union Army to command, first the military and naval forces of Virginia and eventually the Confederate States Army. He had no sympathy either for the secession of the Southern states or for slavery, which their position was intended to preserve. Indeed, he is known to have personally freed slaves.

Ironically, Gen. Lee resigned from his post in the U.S. Army in 1861 (he had graduated second in his class from West Point in 1829), three days after Virginia seceded from the Union. Two days later, he had resolved to never fight against his native South.

Gen. Lee is considered a hero, not just to Virginians, but to all Americans. Although his appeal for postwar amnesty was never granted, American citizenship was restored by an act of Congress in 1975.

Like another misunderstood icon of that period, Robert Beecher Stowe's Uncle Tom, from her epic novel "Uncle Tom's Cabin" Robert E. Lee chose, possibly for honor reasons, to cast his lot with the wrong side — the losing side.

But rather than equate his grave error with that of Hitler and those of the Nazis against their Holocaust victims, I would say — only of Robert E. Lee, not of any other American — that he was wrong — that blacks should not engage in knee jerk negative reactions to the simple removal of his name and with the wrong side. We should perhaps, step back and study the man, that he remembered for

his good qualities, and not as some sanitized symbol (as some whites would doubtless have him) of a return to the "good old days" when white men reigned supreme and "darkies" knew their places and stayed in them.

It is a shame that black opposition notwithstanding, all I am saying is that a knock-down drag-out fight over a portrait of Robert E. Lee at the Courthouse in Appomattox is a waste of energy that would have been better used in other fights against racialist racism to black against racism in a picture of Robert E. Lee in a town that put a statue commemorating black tennis great Arthur Ashe on the same street with Gen. Lee and several other Confederate soldiers stand and horses, is nothing more than a prime shot at a stationary, symbolic target.

The other murals along the James River Canal Walk in Richmond are proven inclusive, including those of Gabriel Prosser who plotted and led a slave rebellion, Native Chief Powhatan, father of Pocahontas, and a Black World War I veterans, and other black symbols. So it would be foolish and insensitive to exclude a portrait of Gen. Lee.

The only way for Blacks to ever become a wise and discerning people, is to act and be, wise and discerning. We must be able to distinguish between real threats and foolishness. We must be able to know the difference between white men with integrity and principles who made (and sometimes continue to make) incorrect decisions, and other men who are not inclusive in school and restaurant doors with ax-handles or even the apparatus and power of government bent on blocking enforcement of the law of the land meant to guarantee human progress.

As a rule, one predictable aspect of this group behavior is outrage and inactivity when it comes to (pre)judging all white men with any traces of Southern accents or failures — that in the words of former D.C. Mayor Marion Barry directed at all white men (and women) who were angry when he was chosen by the people of Washington, D.C. as their mayor in 1998, in the lone case of Robert E. Lee being canonized as a great American hero in Richmond, VA, blacks, like whites should "Get over it!"

The Civil War is over "We" won.

The new world of black and white

By Barbara Reynolds

What does it mean to be among the privileged class of no more reason than skin color.

In the first place, it means never having to be called a racist and never having to be the recipient of an affirmative action program just to get an education or job that is not yours by right. It means that you shouldn't even have it.

White skin means seeing yourself as the major sources, anchors and souls of the world.

White skin means seeing yourself as the major sources, anchors and souls of the world. TV news shows and sitcoms. It means being told that all angels are whites and all devils are red or black.

Small wonder, then, embracing whiteness, perhaps in the same way it did African Americans' "whiteness" — being "being" in a hot topic in bookstores and academic courses, according to the cover issue of the May 13 issue of Black Issues in Higher Education, published in Arlington, VA.

Since the staff, students, faculty and administration on mainstream campus are predominantly white, it is slated to become whiter as racist conservatives fight against affirmative action — the campus culture, visiting lecturer subject matter are stifling. Those who do not share that skin color.

Apparently many college campuses do not understand the importance of engaging and understanding different cultures.

Whiteness studies are frequently misunderstood to be white supremacist movements or "white trash," says Jean Stefancik, part of a husband/wife team that edited the 1998 book, "Critical Whiteness Studies: Looking Behind the Mirror." The authors explain that the study of whiteness is an essential part of eliminating racism and white privilege, and it also focuses on white pop culture.

Today, a majority of the scholars studying whiteness are white. I don't know if they will raise the correct questions.

For example, why do white men, who about 35 percent of population, believe they are entitled to almost all of the top jobs and best housing when there are deserving groups who have worked just as hard or harder for a piece of the good life.

Why are the majority of the serial killers and mass murderers white? Why do so many whites hate blacks although they do not know any black people personally? Why do so many whites assume

their beliefs, traditions and insight should be the standard for others who have a rich history and culture of their own?

On the other hand, if whiteness is not going to be anything other than a synonym for racism, that too would be a disservice. I can't believe white people need reassurance of their importance in the world. They should be satisfied by birth. But an examination of whiteness must move us beyond just finding a ready ethnic dumping ground.

Other than denigrate whiteness, studies offer several interesting insights. For example, differences in whiteness are being explored in Italy and news were at one time treated as non-whites, but over the years have become white, says Stefancik.

Some detractors of whiteness studies argue that the courses will be liberating for both whites and people of color. "In white culture, we believe we are human beings struggling to be gods," says Marion Grod, a professor at Boston College, who teaches in Boston. "That is because this society values material things, people, relationships and even ancestors have been rendered secondary by race whiteness. That is our spiritual disease."

Another interesting perspective comes from Dr. Christine Clark, education professor at New Mexico State University. She says some Whites view themselves asaviors. "They only feel comfortable if they are working with people of color with a victim-focused identity. In this society you can't be white and not be racist. But you can fight against it. I was raised in the private. Only when white people own up to their responsibility on benefiting from white privilege can a meaningful struggle for equality begin."

Black people have been studied obsessively and almost always to prove already preconceived negative ideas. I can only improve this situation if people begin to study their own assumptions, especially those of entitlement.

"While is right and black get back," I've heard hearing that and that stalling, depressive pressure has been around too long.

Dr. Barbara Reynolds newest book, "No, I Won't Stop: 10 Years of Telling It Like It Is," can be purchased by sending a check to: Barbara Reynolds, c/o P.O. Box 44, Suite 100, 4800 S. Barnhart Rd., Suite 100, Temple Hills, MD 20757.

The graduation message of 1999

By Conrad W. Worrill

Once again, I am sharing my annual graduation speech in hopes it will help African people in America understand the real meaning of these rites of passage for thousands of our young people who will be participating in commencement exercises, affirming their graduation from elementary, middle school, high school, and college in the next few weeks.

Your life has just begun today brothers and sisters. This is probably one of the most important days in your life as you make this transition, this rite of passage in moving toward another stage in your development as young Africans in America.

I'd like to congratulate your teachers, parents, aunts and extended family members who are here today and who have supported you in reaching this critical stage of your life as this critical hour.

I want to have a brief but serious talk with you today brothers and sisters. I have predicted that by the year 2000 and beyond, if the current trend continues, 70 percent of African men in America between the ages of 16 and 28 will be in jail, addicted to drugs and alcohol. Increasingly, this same trend is occurring with African females in America. One of the purposes of our educational pursuit is to turn this devastating trend around.

What does all this mean today as you graduate from this educational institution that professes to be dedicated to the academic and cultural development of young people like you? As young African people, or Africans in America, about to enter a new stage in life, let me define what being Black and African really means.

First, it is color — your African ancestry.

Secondly, it is culture: practicing a lifestyle, that recognizes the importance of our African and African American heritage and traditions. An African culture that is geared to the values that will facilitate the present and future development of our people.

Thirdly, it is consciousness. We should always be conscious of our strength, beauty, and potential as African people. In this consciousness, we always interpret all situations from the standpoint of the greatest good for the greatest number of Africans in the world. This is called the African principle.

Finally and fourthly, black or being African means consciousness of our willingness to work tirelessly in the interest of African people and all oppressed humanity.

It is today that I am challenging you to continue on the path of becoming independent African people who are not dependent on others outside of our community for the things we can do for ourselves.

I am challenging you as you make this step of passage to prepare yourselves for the challenges of the future and the just and common cause for the liberation of our people.

It's America's right to protect "Old Glory"

By Butch Miller

Recently, June 14 was Flag Day. It's THE day our nation sets aside to pay special honor to the American flag and its role in our country's history.

I have been fortunate to travel extensively in the past nine months. My travels have taken me across our nation to several foreign lands. No matter where I travel, I can look out of a window and somewhere in my field of view will be an American flag. That is one of the things that most Americans do is see well being.

Two weeks ago I was in Indianapolis for the dedication of the only memorial to our nation to recipients of the Medal of Honor. During the impressive ceremony, the backdrop was a panorama of American flags held openly by veterans. Scattered among the military and other patriotic organizations. During the dedication ceremony, the president of the Medal of Honor Society, Paul Buckle, told a crowd of thousands that the American flag was much more than a mere piece of cloth. Our flag is the hope of the future, the solemn order that drapes the caulkets of the nation's fallen heroes.

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and redemption of African people workers, psychologists and historians. This dedication to the common cause goes beyond the resources of one generation. It means we must always be ready to rise up and defend our rights. We must always learn from the wisdom of our ancestors using this knowledge as a way of seeking and struggling for a better way of life for African people based on goals and objectives in our own best interests.

For other works, we must stop giving each other material items and bring into our communities. We must stop the kids!

We must seek to provide the generations to come to develop the skills and resources for making our ultimate future. We must understand a reality. As Malcolm X always said, "education is the passport to freedom."

As the renowned African American educator, psychologist and historian, Asa Hilliard writes in "SBA: The Resawakening of the African Mind," "We Africans... have not viewed our problem holistically. After years of living under conditions of extreme oppression, we have settled for limited definitions of our problem."

Dr. Hilliard explains, "A classic example may be taken from the period of the Civil Rights Movement. The evil way of life for African people in segregation violated the civil rights of African people and had to be addressed. However, the necessary task of fighting for civil rights was not only to allow for the healing of a people. Our healing requires a greater conceptual frame than that provided by civil rights."

Dr. Hilliard continues, "With this right: 'First we must see ourselves as an African people; or we will be unable to develop this critical frame. Second, we must understand not only the role that white supremacy has played in our subjugation, but also the role that we ourselves have played in not practicing self-determination in our struggle to counter the MAAFA (this is a KUSAwian term that means disaster or as Marimba Ani has conceptualized it to mean the African holocaust of Eurasian enslavement/colonialism)."

Remember parents, teachers, and students — as we envisioned ancestor Dr. John Heriberto Clarke has repeatedly warned, "powerful people never teach powerless people how to take power from them. This is called the African principle. The most sensitive areas in the life of a people. Its role is to be honest and true and to tell people where they have been and where they are going. Most Americans Dr. Clarke points out, the role of education and history is to tell a people where they still live."

This is a great day for you who have made this step in your rite of passage and transition. We congratulate you in our hearts. We encourage you to move forward to the next stage of your development in the cycle of life.

A Last Continuum — the struggle continues as we will conquer without a doubt. Butch Miller

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

PARISPRATT — The Morris County Chamber of Commerce hosts a legislative breakfast at the Sheraton Tara Hotel. 7:30 a.m. (973) 539-3882.

SPRINGFIELD — Professional organizer Elaine Bloom will speak on the ways to bring organization in business at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore on Rt. 22. 7 p.m. (973) 378-9002.

NEWARK — The Regional Business Conference hosts a open house at the National Newark Building. 8 a.m. (973) 522-0099.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

NEW BRUNSWICK — The New Jersey State Bar Foundation holds a seminar on legal tools for financial management at the New Jersey Law Center. 1 p.m. (732) 937-7518.

PLAINFIELD — The United Economic Development Corporation hosts a seminar on creating a business plan at the United National Bank Community Education Center. 4:30 p.m. (908) 527-1106.

TRENTON — Metropolitan Trenton African American Chamber of Commerce holds a breakfast meeting with guest speaker James McManis at Maxine's Restaurant. 8 a.m. (609) 993-5033.

NEWARK — The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) hosts a workshop on the step-by-step process on owning a home at the New Community Pathmark Neighborhood Shopping Center. 11 a.m. (973) 639-7635.

PLAINFIELD — United National Bank hosts a workshop on investing at United National Community Bank. 10 a.m. (908) 753-7364.

NEW YORK — The Regional Alliance for Small Contractors hosts a seminar on strategic planning to build a profitable company. 9 a.m. (212) 435-6187.

NEWARK — The Urban League of Essex County offers a free class in buying a home at their Newark office. 6 p.m. (973) 746-6436.

Elizabeth, Trenton and Guttenberg benefit from UEZ Assistance

TRENTON — Elizabeth will expand police security of its marina, begin the third phase of a major sewer rehabilitation along Trumbull Street and fund a pre-construction loan to developers of a planned Holiday Inn, among other projects. Trenton will get help paying for improvements to a downtown site where construction of a new hotel and conference center is envisioned.

These urban economic develop-

ment projects, and others, were approved at a meeting of the Urban Enterprise Zone Authority under the New Jersey Commerce & Economic Growth Commission, the state's lead economic development agency. And according to Commerce CEO & Secretary Guiberto "Gir" Medina, nearly \$3.7 million dollars will be pumped into targeted urban areas to fund a variety of projects designed to create jobs and elevate quality of life for neighborhood residents.

"New Jersey has proven that urban renewal is not just a phrase, but a course of action," said Secretary Medina. "For over a decade now, New Jersey's UEZ program has helped municipal policies transform distressed urban and industrial areas into magnet neighborhoods where new businesses have opened or expanded, jobs have been created, and a sense of pride among residents has been restored."

"Those New Jersey cities that have an Urban Enterprise Zone have different challenges to transcend," said John T. Hanson Vice President & Executive Director of NJ Commerce's Urban Enterprise Zone Authority and Urban Programs. "Some have highly industrialized areas requiring intensive financial assistance to redevelop and others have critical downtown shopping districts that require makers to remain viable. What is exceptional about the UEZ pro-

gram, is that it can easily address the different needs of our cities, helping them to realize an economic renaissance."

In 1997, the National Association of State Development Agencies called New Jersey's UEZ program the best in the nation. The state presently has 27 Urban Enterprise Zones in 29 municipalities around the state that have since produced 50,488 full-time jobs with \$8.7 billion invested by UEZ businesses.

Y2K: Prudent coping strategies

By Dr. Karen Enslie, RD

Recently, Rutgers Cooperative Extension has received calls from people interested in the "Year 2000 Problem," more commonly called "Y2K." They want to know whether or not to roll over CDs, pull money out of stocks, or stockpile food and cash in case there are computer-related problems and shortages.

Recently, there was a series of articles about Y2K in *Forbes* magazine. "Investment Advisor," a magazine for financial planners. Some of the country's leading financial planners were interviewed about how they were preparing for Y2K and hearing what they were advising their clients:

"Some advisors are recommending that people hold extra cash, preferably small bills, by the end of the year in case ATMs or other bank computer systems crash. At least, 'real' weeks' worth of expenses might be set aside. While most banks will be Y2K compliant, 'you just never know' and the cost of doing this (loss of a little interest) is relatively minimal."

"Several financial planners also suggested spreading cash assets among several banks. That way, if one bank has Y2K-related problems, funds may still be accessible elsewhere."

"Money for short-term goals should be placed in cash assets (this is recommended anyway, even without Y2K). Investors with long-term goals (e.g., retirement in 20 years) should probably stick with their current asset allocation strategy."

"Some advisors are suggesting a

small (temporary) increase in the percentage of portfolios in cash or fixed-income assets in 2000, however, as the impact of Y2K on corporate earnings, not to mention people pulling out of the stock market because of Y2K fears, is unknown."

"Several planners also noted that it couldn't hurt to have some extra water and canned goods on hand at year-end. Again, 'Just in case.' Also, keep copies of bank and mutual fund statements, a current Social Security earnings estimate and credit reports, and medical records."

"Small business owners might want to establish lines of credit to guard against cash flow problems related to Y2K. For example, if Medicare and insurance payments are late, doctor's offices could be impacted. Anyone that depends on clients paying bills by check might want to get a loan just in case."

Finally, there are some helpful Web sites related to Y2K, including www.zdnet.com/y2k and www.y2k2000.com. Another helpful site for investors is run by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). At www.sec.gov/ir/oth/othcr/y2k2000.htm, consumers can see if their financial advisor has filed a required Y2K compliance report.

For further information about MONEY 2000 and other educational programs, contact Dr. Karen Enslie at 908-654-8854. Rutgers Cooperative Extension provides information and educational services to all people without regard to sex, race, color, national origin, disability or handicap, or age.

Traits of self-made millionaires



Dale Caldwell

If given the choice, most of us would like to be millionaires (i.e. someone who has a net worth of a million dollars or more). However, few people take the time to find out what it really takes to become a millionaire in America. Fortunately, a new book has been written that discusses the characteristics of millionaires. "The Millionaire Next Door" by Thomas J. Stanley, Ph.D. and William D. Danko, Ph.D. (Longstreet Press, Inc.) provides insight into the characteristics of most people who are self-made millionaires. There are of course the celebrity (actors, athletes, musicians, etc.) exceptions. However, most self-made millionaires are not celebrities. I briefly discuss some of the surprising findings of this book below.

One of the first characteristics of self-made millionaires mentioned in the book is that they live well below their means. Contrary to popular belief, most self-made millionaires are very frugal. They do not believe in spending any more than they have to. Instead, they invest as much money as they can to increase their personal net worth.

A second characteristic of millionaires is that they "allocate" their time, energy, and money efficiently, in ways conducive to building wealth. "Millionaires are focused on building wealth. They spend virtually every minute putting together a personal financial plan. If they do not put

together a wealth accumulation plan themselves they will consult a professional financial planner who will help them put a plan together."

Another characteristic of millionaires is that they "believe" that financial independence is more important than displaying high social status. This may be a surprise to many of us who believe "if you've got it flaunt it." Apparently, just the opposite is the case. Most self-made millionaires do not believe in prestige purchases. They spend their money on things that will appreciate in value rather than on things that look good but depreciate in value. One of the fastest depreciating assets is a car. Cars lose value the second they are purchased. Expensive cars are therefore bad investments that most self-made millionaires prefer not to make.

Millionaires are also "proficient in targeting market opportunities." They are intensely focused on identifying ways to make money. They therefore make every effort to start or work for businesses that provide significant financial opportunities.

What I found most interesting about self-made millionaires is how they were raised. The authors found that in general, the more dollars adult children receive, the fewer they accumulate, while those who are given fewer dollars accumulate more.

Most self-made millionaires received very little financial support from their parents. They were forced at an early

age to understand the value of a dollar saved. They therefore developed good consumption and saving habits. The authors also found that the adult children of most self-made millionaires were economically self-sufficient. The parents taught their children not to expect to live off of their inheritance. The children therefore became self-reliant and financially successful.

Finally, the book states that millionaires chose the right occupation. Surprisingly, you cannot predict whether someone is a millionaire by their occupation. A commonality among millionaires is that they are extremely successful at whatever job that they hold.

I encourage you to follow the advice of millionaires. Become passionate about making and saving money. Spend well within your means. Put together a personal financial plan. Do not succumb to the temptation of spending more on things than you can really afford to. Make every effort to work for or own a business in a successful market. Teach your children the value of a dollar earned and saved. Pick a job or business where you can be successful.

We must learn that self-made millionaires are passionately focused on building their net worth not on spending their income.

Good luck with your wealth accumulation. I hope that you will become the next self-made millionaire.

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Alternative scholarships

Most parents and students think that scholarships are only for the students with good grades, low-to-average family income, or the abnormally inclined. However, there are hundreds more. A small example of the numerous scholarships available to students include: Leadership in Student Scholarships, Handicapped Student Scholarships, Members of a Church Scholarships, David Letterman Scholarship for "C" Students, Veteran Children's Scholarships, Scholarships for minorities and much, much more! For more information, send a self-addressed stamped envelope and a \$1 handling fee to U.S. Channel of Commerce for Higher Education, P.O. Box 127, Rule, Texas, 79547.

Irvington rallies against drugs

IRVINGTON — Chanting such catchy, well-known slogans as "Up With Hope, Down With Drugs" and "Hugs, Not Drugs," about 60 people representing a cross section of the Irvington community on June 5, 1999, marched several blocks down 18th Avenue in a rally against drugs.

Mayer Sara B. Rose led the delegation down from Holy Dove Christian Fellowship Church, located in Newark, on the Irvington borderline at Medcoe Avenue, to South 21 Street, a vicinity vigorously targeted by municipal officials for anti-drug and crime efforts.

"Today, we are coming together to take back our community from those who would seek to destroy it," Rose proclaimed. "If we continue in this spirit of solidarity, we can make a difference," she added.

The mayor was joined by Robert Rankin, director of the Irvington Police Department and Arlene Tyler, acting director of the Department of Health and executive director of the Irvington Neighborhood Improvement Corporation, in addition to Council Members D. Bilal Beasley, South ward; Leiby Jones, at large; David Lyons, North Ward; and Sandra Harte, at large.

Calling further attention to the scourge of drugs, the protesters carried vivid, creative signs, designed by the students of Augusta Street School and by Dimensions, a local anti-drug group, that read "Drugs Will Kill," "Say No To Drugs," and other terse, forceful messages.

Rev. Marcus Barnes, pastor of Holy Dove, challenged fellow churchgoers to "look beyond the four walls" of the churches to see the prevalent needs in the community. The minister said it is pointless to preach spiritual fulfillment while basic needs, like decent housing, education and other concerns remain unfulfilled.

Rita Owens, a youth crusader, an Irvington High School art teacher, and mother of entertainer Queen Latifah, an Irvington native, said her daughter's fame didn't stop her from using drugs or getting caught with a gun.

"That's why I will always work on behalf of our children," whether it involves drug use, education or any issue "crucial to their futures," Owens asserted.

The march/rally was organized by Marie Carr, coordinator of the Irvington Municipal Alliance (IMA), the township's anti-drug advocacy committee. The IMA, funds the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program and other drug and alcohol abuse awareness initiatives.

Teens face penalties for bomb threats

By Assemblyman Kenneth L'Esperre with Assemblyman Tom Smith

ASBURY PARK — Immediately after the tragedy at Columbine High School, schools throughout New Jersey, and the rest of the country as well, became the victims of bomb scares and false alarms. Fortunately, none of the New Jersey incidents resulted in a catastrophe, but the situations created by these pranks were seriously dangerous - to students, teachers, school employees, police and emergency services personnel.

Although schools are closed for the summer, we are taking action now to impose harsher punishments for this crime. We have introduced legislation that would allow courts to try teens as adults who are found guilty of reporting bomb scares or false alarms.

Specifically, our legislation, (A-3085), would add the crime of making false bomb threats to the criteria under which a family court may waive jurisdiction over a juvenile offender - who is at least 14 years of age - in order to have the juvenile tried as an adult.

Currently, a juvenile can be tried as an adult if there is probable cause to believe one of the following has been committed: possession of a firearm with a purpose to use it unlawfully against another person, aggravated assault, aggravated criminal sexual contact, burglary and escape.

Although the majority of kids who report false alarms probably do

not have malicious intent, they need to understand that bomb threats are not taken lightly - they are serious offenses which can carry harsh consequences. By holding juveniles accountable as adults in these situations, our bill will hopefully help to deter teens from these actions in the future.

Under current law, adults convicted of initiating a false alarm, including bomb threats - are guilty of a fourth degree crime, punishable by up to 18 months in prison and a maximum fine of \$10,000. The act of placing a fake bomb in a building or other public location, is considered a crime in the third degree, punishable by 3-5 years in prison and a maximum fine of \$15,000.

If placing a fake bomb results in injury, it is also considered a third degree crime, however, that penalty is upgraded to a second degree crime - which carries 5-10 years of imprisonment and a fine of up to \$150,000 - if the fake bomb results in death.

Without question, schools should be a safe haven, where children can grow, develop and learn. With tougher laws in place, we will send a strong message that these actions will not be tolerated and any violators will face extremely tough penalties. When schools re-open in September, hopefully, we will be able to prevent students from reporting false alarms and bomb threats.

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'A Festival for Kids'



PLAINFIELD — School Based Youth Services' Plainfield Teen Parenting Program (PTPP) hosted the ninth annual "A Festival For Kids," June 5 and 6 at Park Madison. It is New Jersey's first full-scale festival devoted exclusively to young children. During the festival, Park Madison was literally transformed into a dream come true for children.

The festival activities were many. The Entertainment Tent, sponsored by Lucent Technologies, was a real "hot spot" for all festival friends and families. Free, non-stop, live entertainment featured local and professional performing artists, specializing in everything from song dance, karate, story-telling, magic, double-dutch, and gymnastics.

In the Neighborhood Tent more than 40 child-focused vendors, service providers and volunteer activists took place. A face painting booth, tattoo artist, arts

and crafts table, sand art table, computer games, and a wheel of fortune were just a few of the fun areas in the tent. The space was also shared by a number of child care centers and organizations like Elizabethtown Water Company, Amaker and Porterfield, local realtors, and Plainfield Police Department, etc., who set up games & gave away prizes and information from their booths. All festival attendees had a chance to learn about new health and safety areas of interest. They also took advantage of free health screenings and safety programs that were offered by many of the faithful event supporters.

At the heart of the Festival was a cadre of wonderful volunteers who dedicated their time, creativity and energy to make it a success. The Kappa's, Zetas, Delta's, Frontiers International, Neighborhood House, YAM, ABLE, HISPANIC, Edison Job Corps and hundreds of other individuals made up this awesome partnering team.

Honoring Rosa Parks: The Mother of the Civil Rights Movement

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brightly colored harp ensemble made beautiful music, while the brass-horn section seemed to take its cue from the king of brass, Louis Armstrong.

However, it was vocalist Zane Gaxman and Jessica Maisonne along with the choir, which transformed the auditorium into a house of prayer.

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"You see these flowers in my hand, I'm crushing them because I'm so excited," said Jamieson, who held some of the rose petals that adorned the walkway, while awaiting Parks' arrival.

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"One thing that made me accept the honor of a woman that never gives up was the fact that there were so many people who made me know that there was something beyond 102nd Street, said Tyson. "It's not what people do to you, it's what you let them do to you. There is not a human being on the face of this earth who can stop you from reaching your goals."

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It's the highest award a citi-

zen can receive, and Parks fol-

lowed Nelson Mandela, who too was the recipient of this award.

"As educators we tell our students that this is the future," said Tyson. "Today we're a part of the living past. She is our legacy."

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Tamika Riley (center) presented prestige awards to (l-r) Rita Owens, accepting on behalf of her daughter Queen Latifah and Wanda Smith, assistant director of Habitat for Humanity.

Fashion Dome

By Gilda Rogers
Staff Writer

NEWARK — The first International Fashion Show hosted by Tamika Riley and Dwayne Reynolds, who are the proprietors of The Fashion Dome in Newark, hit the runways of the New Jersey Performing Arts Center sizzzzzzling. And with Riley as mistress of ceremony, we'll be just say, besides the designers featured, she turned the show out — taking fashion commenting and showmanship to another dimension.

For starters, have you ever heard of Eric Malik? Hopefully, yes but if not you will because, he has put a name on menswear fashion. Malik appears to be the one to strike a much needed balance for a

new look in today's urban man. He hasn't reinvented the wheel, he's just sharpened what used to look good with the ultimate in neo-classic dressing. Take the traditional stadium coat with toggle buttons — it's back. Only, Malik takes it into the new Millennium with fabric forward patterns. Dress pants, when's the last time you've seen an *au courant* pair of them? He showed herringbone's, with cargo pockets and drawstrings matched with abysmal deep burly turtlenecks. Rounding out his collection was black cowhide leather pea jackets along with the denim inspired western jacket and pants put to leather. Simply put, Malik's classic montage of fashion was nothing short of inspiring and good looking.

The "S" in Suede (pronounced Soowad) not only punctuates his

name, but it stands for sensual too. His creations from body hugging dresses to elongated back baring dresses with slits high high surely were a delicious treat for the men in the audience, as well as for the buff woman. Very forward, Suede showed men in long sarong skirts in black and brown velveteen and natural linen. Letting everyone know that black looks good on everybody, Suede's collection however, during the evening segment appeared a bit redundant with black as the primary color.

Tiffany Furs of Asbury Park, even tempered the show, with minks, stoles, and jackets in a variety of skins and styles. From swing coats to the acid rust tea-length mink, all made for the ultimate in elegance.



Hot from the collection of Suede.



Black leather pea coat with burly turtleneck by Eric Malik.



Updated white leisure suit by Suede.



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Classic wool gray by Eric Malik.



Acid-rust mink from Tiffany Furs in Asbury Park



Traditional toggle coat by Eric Malik.



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A linen two-piece ensemble by Suede

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RELIGION CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

NEW BRUNSWICK — The Crossroads Theater Company presents "Gospel musical 'Anchor' Chances." Call (973) 606-2852 for information.

RED BANK — Shrewsbury Avenue A.M.E. Zion Church hosts a narcotics anonymous meeting at Fellowship Hall, 8 p.m. (732) 747-1750.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

NEW YORK — McDonald's presents the 15th Annual GospelFest at the Theater at Madison Square Garden, 7 p.m. (212) 754-9191.

NEWARK — The Christian Entrepreneur Organization presents "Sho Nuff Gospel '99" featuring Randy Jones & Special Edition at Refuge Tabernacle Baptist Church, 7 p.m. (973) 371-0910.

LINDEN — The Fan Club presents The Quintones celebrating 30 years in gospel music at White Rock Baptist Church, 5 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

RED BANK — The Women's Home and Overseas Missionary Society of Shrewsbury Avenue A.M.E. Zion Church presents the Missionary Theme in word and song, 3:30 p.m. (732) 747-1750.

MONTAICUM — The Rising Mount Zion Baptist Church of Montauk presents the Annual Women's Day Event. Religious service plus solo vocals and a gospel choir from First Timothy Baptist Church in Newark, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Call (973) 746-3331.

SATURDAY, JULY 3

NEWARK — Bethany Baptist Church hosts a church bazaar at the church parking lot, 8 a.m. (973) 823-8161.

Religion

God should be the authority

By Eddie Huff

I got a chuckle from a T-shirt I saw at the mall that read "You're not the boss of me." I've heard many children, including my own, use this line. What was funny to me, however, was that it was a 20-something woman wearing the T-shirt.

I feel the shirt's message reflects where America is right now. Almost every issue becomes a shouting match where the person yelling loudest, with the smoothest and most scholarly-sounding delivery and media support wins. But does this really mean anything?

I remember the words of the Gospels, when the Pharisees asked Jesus, "by what authority do you (say) these things and who gave you this authority?" In other words, who do you think you are? Or, you're not the boss of me. It all begins with authority.

We need to examine authority to

determine how we should judge statements, philosophies, ideas, laws and actions. If not, we will find ourselves adrift in a moral abyss without bearing and without a foundation to build anything of lasting value.

I realize that, in this post-Christian society, the idea of a god, some god or The God instantly turns some people off. Nevertheless, any discussion of authority must begin and/or end there. We need to find out how we got from "In the beginning God said" to "the will of the people" and public opinion polls.

Manhood traditionally held the notion of a higher power sitting in judgment of his deeds. Almost all cultures observed similar taboos and the idea of an ultimate consequence for one's actions. These convictions formed the rule of law. From the Code of Hammurabi and the Law of Moses to the Magna Carta and the Constitution, laws had a deity in mind. It was not until recently that "enlightened" men

began arguing that good laws came from the hearts of good men, and that good men are enlightened, learned and superstitious free. Now, we are free to think and govern using a new, humanistic agenda without a means, old deity to judge us. We are to lead through learning, improving lifestyles while moving society toward paradise.

I fear, however, that we are heading away from paradise. By casting away supreme authority, all authority below it is diminished. To use a scriptural reference, a Roman centurion asked Jesus to heal his servant. Jesus agreed to see the servant, but the centurion replied, "Just say the word and he will be healed." I am under authority and if I say to someone below me to do this, that they do it" (Matthew 8:5-9). The centurion recognized true authority and is more powerful than speech or actions. It works in reverse, too. Without supreme authority behind, or above, authority is suspect. How often will a child act up until the dreaded words "wait until your father comes home" are spoken.

In today's society, however, we are setting ideas against each other by making rules without authority. For example, in the absence of one divine authority, why is it okay for an adult to sleep with a person of the same sex but not with an animal or child? Because people think so. Why is it okay to kill a baby only a few inches inside the womb but not outside it? Because people think so. Why is it okay for one man in power to have indiscriminate sex without suffering the legal consequences others do? Because people think so. But what if attitudes shift tomorrow, and all those sensibilities are turned on their head? Before you call this ridiculous, remember that, a century ago, some things that are legal today were considered outrageous.

Another thing to remember is that, in the absence of a divine authority, human authority becomes heavy-handed. "You're not the boss of me" often receives the "oh, yes I am" response. Without backing from a higher authority, order must be protected with force, creating a vicious cycle of oppression.

We must offer something better than that. I say God is not a bad place to start.

Positively Black

Brotherly love

By Junious Ricardo Stanton

(NNPA) — Several weeks ago one of my childhood buddies phoned to inform me that his grandmother had died. I offered my condolences and promised to attend her funeral. Responsibilities at work precluded me from accompanying the family to the cemetery, so I paid my respects to them one more time outside the church. I hugged his mother and his friend. I told him I loved him, and he said likewise. His sister and wife were within earshot; they heard us and had quizzical looks on their faces.

Later, I reflected on our relationship and why some folks might think it unusual for two men to express their appreciation and love for one another after over 35 years of friendship. Then it hit me; actually I wasn't used to seeing black men love, respect and support each other openly. Being a black male is rough in America. And being a black man is even more so. We are, by all relevant indicators, an endangered species. So, when I see one of my contemporaries, especially one of "my homies" — and he is doing well, or even going through one of life's storms, I embrace him and tell him I love him.

We all need to know we are loved, especially in a society that is so unwilling to grant us even a smidgen of respect or validation. I was in a meeting with another college classmate and when it was over and we were getting ready to leave, I extended my hand to say good-bye. He hugged me and reminded me that we have to celebrate the fact we are still alive, support one another and show younger brothers that it is okay to like each other.

These two events happened relatively close to each other and started me thinking. As young men we expressed our loyalty, respect and love for buddies through various rites of passage rituals, such as they were. But as we got older we often

became reluctant to openly express how we felt about each other. I am not talking about anything improper. I'm talking about men letting other men know how much they respect and admire one another. We need to do more of this. Men are gregarious by nature; we are social beings. Black men are just as social — even more so — except for most of our sojourn in this hemisphere.

Our health and life expectancy have always been lower than that of Euro-Americans, and we've had to endure suffering and hardships imposed upon us by a rigid and oppressive race, color, gender and class-conscious society. We are not validated, respected or fully appreciated as human beings, let alone as men in this society. So, if we are to have any personal and group self-esteem, we must give it to ourselves.

That is how it should be. Self-esteem is how you value, honor and love yourself. Self-esteem is an inside job. You cannot get water from an empty well. If you don't love yourself, it is highly unlikely you will love anyone who resembles you or who is in the same predicament, class or social status as yourself.

We need to see more brothers embracing each other and saying they love each other. If we are genuine about our restoration as a people, we have to understand it happens individually and spreads throughout the community. To make this happen we must first love ourselves. The great admonition is, "Love thy neighbor as thyself." I, for one, love myself. Not to, would be an affront to my ancestors and the Creator God does not create junk or anything inferior! All of us are unique. We come from great stock. We are the children of those who refused to be beaten down and destroyed. That in itself makes us worthy of love and respect — the mortal that unifies one's ethnic group. As Steve Harvey the comedian would say, "Show some love."

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In Charleston, the City Market is a hub of activity where Gullah ladies weave and sell beautiful sweetgrass baskets, a tradition passed down from their African ancestors. Elegant 18th century houses feature intricate wrought-iron gates mostly created by

Black artisans. Four sites under the auspices of the African American National Heritage Museum include the Slave Mart Museum, where thousands of Africans were auctioned off upon their arrival to America. Beautiful plantations and gardens clustered around Charleston are masterpieces of slave labor and often the sites for cultural programs.

African Americans who speak the musical Gullah language and have held to traditions passed down from their African ancestors inhabit a string of Lowcountry Sea Islands. One of them, St. Helena, is home to Penn Center, site of the South's first school for freed slaves and later used by Dr. King to plan freedom marches. Each November Penn Center welcomes visitors to its Heritage Days Festival. Accessible only by boat, Daufuske Island is a self-

sufficient home to descendants of former slaves who still make their living from the land and sea. Indeed, a number of traditionally black colleges and universities founded near the end of the 19th century still maintain their legacy of strong educational values. For information on these and other sites, call 1-800-255-2059 for your free South Carolina travel guide.

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Health Calendar

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

BOULDER BROOK — The Blood Center of New Jersey hold a blood drive at the Masonic Eastern Star Lodge, 4 p.m. 1-(800) BLOOD-NJ.

JERSEY CITY — Jersey City Medical Center offers a support group meeting for breast cancer survivors at the hospital's conference room, 6 p.m. (201) 915-2273.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

NEWARK — The Blood Center of New Jersey holds a blood drive at the VPW District 4 Building, 3:30 p.m. 1-(800) BLOOD-NJ.

PLAINFIELD — The Coalition for Cardiac Surgery in Plainfield holds a community rally at the Plainfield Public Library, 9 a.m. (908) 753-6401.

NEW BRUNSWICK — Johnson & Johnson holds an exhibit featuring the works of Patrick Schiavino at the Johnson & Johnson Art Gallery, Call (732) 988-1111 for time and information.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

WAYNE — The Blood Center of New Jersey holds a blood drive at the Wayne General Hospital, 3 p.m. 1-(800) BLOOD-NJ.

TEANECK — Holy Name Hospital offers a wheelchair clinic and discussion, 11 a.m. (201) 633-3045.

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center offers a support group for stroke sufferers, Call (732) 937-8820 for time and information.

SCOTCH PLAINS — The Union County Board of Chosen Freedmen hosts "The First Swing Golf Program," to help people with physical disabilities play the game of golf at the Ash Brook Golf Course, Call (908) 527-4900 for information.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

MORRISTOWN — The Blood Center of New Jersey holds a blood drive at Kings Supermarket, 9 a.m. 1-(800) BLOOD-NJ.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

FLEMINGTON — The Northern New Jersey Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association hosts its annual Polo Classic XII fund-raiser at the Flemington Country Club, 1 p.m. (973) 375-2255.

CRAWFORD — Union County College offers a nursing course to become IV Certified in New Jersey, Call (908) 759-7503 for time and information.

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center offers a support group for overeating disorder, 10 a.m. (732) 937-8820.

RIVERHEAD, NY — The American Diabetes Association presents the "Tour de Cure," a bike ride to raise money for diabetes research at Grangeville Park, Call 1-(800) 868-7888 for time and information.

DOVER — The Blood Center of New Jersey holds a blood drive at Home Depot, 9 a.m. 1-(800) BLOOD-NJ.

MONDAY, JUNE 28

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center offers a support group for those suffering from prostate cancer at the NJ Cancer Institute, 7 p.m. (732) 937-8820.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center offers a support group for those suffering from epilepsy at the hospital board room, 7:30 p.m. (732) 937-8820.

EDISON — The Blood Center of New Jersey holds a blood drive at the VPW Building, 3 p.m. 1-(800) BLOOD-NJ.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center offers a support group in Lamaze and childbirth, 7:15 p.m. (732) 937-8820.

EAST ORANGE — The Blood Center of New Jersey hold a blood drive at the East Orange Post Office, 10 a.m. 1-(800) BLOOD-NJ.

FRIDAY, JULY 5

NEW BRUNSWICK — Robert Wood Johnson Medical Center offers a support group in Lamaze and childbirth, 7:15 p.m. (732) 937-8820.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

JERSEY CITY — Jersey City Medical Center holds a support group meeting for newly diagnosed breast cancer patients at the hospital's conference room, 6 p.m. (201) 915-2000.

MONDAY, JULY 19

MOUNTAINVIEW — The Children's Specialized Hospital hosts its Tenth Annual Golf Classic at the Montclair Golf Club in West Orange, Call (908) 301-5430 for information and time.

African Americans are making plans for healthy family reunions and parties

WASHINGTON — It's summer — time for family reunions, barbecues and summer holiday parties with lots of food! These get-togethers can be challenging for the 2.2 million African Americans with diabetes who need to control their diet to manage their disease. This summer, the National Diabetes Education Program, a joint program of the National Institutes of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, is providing ideas for people with diabetes and their family members and friends for making this a healthy summer for everyone to enjoy.

There is nothing harder for people with diabetes than making healthy food choices at a big family feast. And, choosing healthy foods is critical in managing diabetes. Current research shows that when people with diabetes follow a meal plan to control their blood sugar, get regular physical activity, take prescribed medicines, and keep blood sugar levels in a normal range, they may delay or prevent the death and disability associated with diabetes. U.S. Surgeon General Dr. David Satcher has issued a call to action for all African Americans with diabetes to control their disease to improve their quality of life.

To support the Surgeon General's call to action, the National Diabetes Education Program recommends that people with diabetes take the following steps to stay in control at this summer's family gatherings:



- Have a plan for what, when, and how much you will eat. Check out the buffet table and select the healthy foods that fit your meal plan.
- Bring your favorite healthy dish to the party. By bringing your favorite dish to the party, you are guaranteed to have at least one thing you will enjoy.
- Eat slowly and enjoy every bite. Eating slowly reduces your chances of eating too much.
- Don't come to the party hungry. Eating a low-calorie healthy snack before you leave home lowers your chances of being tempted to eat more when you get to the party.
- For your beverage, choose water. Water is a healthy no-calorie beverage.
- Don't be shy to discuss your diabetes control plan with your friends and family members. Your family and friends are your support system and may be able to help you control your diabetes.
- The National Diabetes Education Program also suggests that the loved ones of people with diabetes support their family members through the challenges of summer festivities. The National Diabetes Education Program recommends the following:
- Offer a variety of low fat, high fiber foods on the buffet table. That means

fresh fruits and vegetables, grilled lean meats, fish, and chicken without the skin. Cut down on mayonnaise, oil, and butter and increase fiber with whole grain breads, pasta, and beans.

• Transform traditionally high fat and high calorie foods into low fat healthier versions. Find recipes for low fat versions of your family's favorite dishes — contact the National Diabetes Education Program for a resource list that provides sources for healthy low fat recipes.

• Incorporate exercise into your family gathering. Plan physically active games and activities. Dancing, potato sack races, volleyball, softball, or a nature walk are activities the whole family can enjoy.

• Be supportive of your family members with diabetes. Encourage loved ones with diabetes to stay in control of their disease. If you see them slipping, don't chastise or scold them — keep encouraging them.

The National Diabetes Education Program and its Control Your Diabetes. For Life African American campaign emphasizes that controlling diabetes makes a huge difference. The campaign also encourages family members and friends to support those who have the disease. To find out more about the campaign, or to obtain diabetes information, call 1-800-435-5183 or visit the NDEP website at <http://ndep.nih.gov> or <http://www.cdc.gov/diabetes/>.

Herpes infection rising among black collegians

By Ytasia Womack

New studies show that African American collegiate women are at a higher risk for contracting genital herpes.

In the April edition of the Journal of the National Medical Association (NMA), of the 96 Black college females in the study, 30 percent tested positive for herpes simplex virus type 2 (HSV-2).

According to the study, a history of sexually transmitted disease was a predictor of the HSV-2 infection. That is, those tested positive, 53 percent of the women had a history of STDs, compared to the 21 that did not.

However, the number of lifetime partners, once deemed a prime indicator, was not a high-risk factor. One-third of those tested positive only had one lifetime partner.

"Behavior strategies focused on decreasing the number of sexual partners are not likely to be sufficient in preventing the spread of HSV-2 infection among young African American women," the report said. "The development and use of alternative approaches to prevent the spread of HSV-2 among

young African Americans should be considered."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimates that 500,000 new cases of herpes are reported each year. Figures on the percentage of African Americans with some as high as 45 percent.

According to health professionals, many genital herpes outbreaks show no visible symptoms, leading women to believe they are free of the illness.

"A lot of college women may not even know," said Lisa Young, certified nurse practitioner for Chicago State University's (CSU) Wellness and Health Center. "Sometimes women have lesions inside their vagina and cervix but don't know it."

Moreover, genital herpes is contagious both during outbreaks and day-to-day before, when no symptoms are evident.

"There are so many people that are walking around with it and don't know it," Young said. "I think it's a lot more prevalent than we think it is."

Brian Reid, a student HIV/STD Peer Education leader at CSU, said he is bombarded with questions on

herpes by fellow students.

"Students are very receptive," Reid said. "Once they get the information, they really understand the gravity of the situation."

Currently, the National Association For the Equal Opportunity (NAFEO) works with Historically Black Colleges and Universities to train students to be HIV/STDs peer leaders on their campuses.

College health centers are also filled with HIV/STD information. However, Reid said, "They'd rather ask their friend."

The NMA study recommends the development and use of vaginal microbicides or herpes vaccine as an effective approach to halt the epidemic.

There is no cure for genital herpes, but there are medications to reduce symptoms and outbreaks.

The illness is not deadly, however, it can cause complications for babies born to infected mothers. Women who want to test for genital herpes should consult a physician.

Ytasia Womack is a writer for the Chicago Defender

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Community attendance and support are extremely important when we heat up the summer as we create greater awareness and show our commitment to this vital cause.

For more information or to join this effort, please call the Plainfield Health Center, (908) 753-6401, extension 129 or 152.

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It's About Your Health

African Americans more likely than whites to die of asthma

By Marilyn Johnson Kondwani

In the age of modern medicine, when patient survival should be increasing, asthma morbidity and mortality in the United States and throughout the world is actually on the rise. If you or a loved one suffers from asthma, you should reduce stress, stop smoking, get plenty of exercise and fresh air, and cut back on mucus forming foods like dairy products and wheat.

Also make an extra effort to add fresh fruits and vegetables to your diet. Fruits and veggies give your immune system the extra vitamins and minerals required to fight off respiratory ailments like asthma, colds and flu.

Each year, asthma accounts for 5000 deaths and almost 500,000 hospitalizations in the United States. Asthma was first documented about 3000 years ago, yet there is still no cure for this life-threatening disease which affects millions of Americans.

In an effort to help asthma sufferers breathe easier, the National Institutes of Health (NIH) developed the Guidelines for the Diagnosis and Management of Asthma to address the significant increases in the number of asthma deaths and asthma-related hospitalizations that have occurred in the past decade.

These guidelines suggest that doctors should pay more attention to the underlying inflammatory process that plays an important role in the cause of asthma. This occurs because of the release of substances made by cells in the lungs and airways which leads to the swelling of

the airway lining and narrowing of the airways. This results in the wheezing and shortness of breath characteristic of an asthma attack. Unfortunately, many physicians are not familiar with the guidelines and do not utilize the NIH's recommended treatment.

African Americans are more than twice as likely as Whites to be hospitalized for asthma. The death rate among blacks rose 52 percent from the 1980s compared to a 45 percent increase for whites. And, the death rate from asthma among African American men is more than double that for white men.

A Baltimore, MD-based study of inner city adult asthma sufferers revealed:

- 25 percent had daily symptoms of the disease;
- 38 percent did not have regular ongoing care for their asthma;
- 38 percent sought care only during attacks;
- 39 percent had symptoms for at least 48 hours before going to the emergency room for treatment;
- Up to 33 percent used the emergency room as a primary source of care for asthma and;
- 11 percent missed over 10 days of work annually due to asthma.

Those interested in receiving further information should call the Asthma Zero Mortality Coalitions' toll free number, 800-777-4330. You will receive free educational material on the disease and its treatment, consumer screening tests, and a summary of local treatment facilities provided by trained in asthma maintenance and prevention.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

NEW YORK — The Metropolitan Museum of Art hosts a art exhibit featuring the works of Barbara Chase-Flood. Call (212) 570-3951 for time and information.

NEW YORK — The Lincoln Center for the Performing Arts, Inc. presents the dancing extravaganza "Midsummer Night's Dream" at Josie Robertson Plaza located inside Lincoln Center. 6:30 p.m. (212) 875-5385.

BLOOMFIELD — Metropolitan Opera presents the production of "La Bohème," part of the Essex County Park System's Free Summer Concert Series at Brookdale Park. 7:30 p.m. (973) 268-3500.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

NEWARK — The New Jersey State Opera presents renowned opera "Carmen" at the New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJ-PAC). 8 p.m. 1-(888)-GO-NJPAC.

ENGLEWOOD — The JVC Jazz Festival presents the legendary James Brown at the John Harms Center for the Arts. Call (212) 495-9000 for information and time.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

BROOKLYN, NY — The African Women's Repertory Theater presents the play "Over My Dead Body." 4 p.m. (718) 993-0070.

ENGLEWOOD — The John Harms Arts Center presents jazz group The Rippingtons with special guest Russ Freeman and Paul Taylor. 8 p.m. (201) 557-5797.

BROOKLYN, NY — The Brooklyn Academy of Music presents live jazz featuring the Dennis Mitchell Quartet. 9 p.m. (718) 636-4139.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

LITTLE FALLS — Summerfun Theater, Inc. presents the play on the life of John Barrymore entitled "Barrymore." Call (973) 256-0576 for information and time.

BROOKLYN, NY — The Brooklyn Academy of Music presents folk and jazz group Big Ball in Brooklyn. 9 p.m. (718) 636-4139.

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

NEWARK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJ-PAC) presents the renowned opera "Carmen." 8 p.m. 1-(888)-GO-NJPAC.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29

LITTLE FALLS — Summerfun Theater, Inc. presents David Mamet's play "The Old Neighborhood." Call (973) 256-0576.

NEWARK — The New Jersey Performing Arts Center (NJ-PAC) presents the Brain Setzer Orchestra. 7:30 p.m. 1-(888)-GO-NJPAC.

EAST ORANGE — Brokers Entertainment Complex presents a comedy showcase featuring Tracy Morgan. 7 p.m. (908) 757-8220.

THURSDAY, JULY 1

BROOKLYN, NY — Brooklyn Academy of Music (BAM) presents a film retrospective of legendary director Spike Lee through July 25. Call (718) 636-4111 for time and information.

FRIDAY, JULY 2

BLOOMFIELD — Chase Manhattan Bank & AT&T presents the "Celestial Sounds," music for the millennium performed by the New Jersey Symphony Orchestra. The concert takes place at Brookdale Park, part of Essex County Park System's Free Summer Park System. 7:30 p.m. (973) 268-3500.

SATURDAY, JULY 3

NEW YORK — The Shorenberg Center for Research in Black Culture presents an exhibit of black New York photographers. Call (212) 491-2200 for time and information.

NEW BRUNSWICK — The Rutgers Arts Center presents The Rutgers Festival Orchestra at the Nicholas Music Center. 8 p.m. (732) 932-7511.

TUESDAY, JULY 6

IRVINGTON — Jazz Under the Stars featuring the Carole Jackson Quintet perform at Irvington Park, part of the Essex County Park System's Free Summer Concert Series. 7:30 p.m. (973) 268-3500.

NEW YORK — The Beacon Theater presents the musical "Boyz n the City." Call (212) 221-8351 for time and information.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

NEW YORK — Lincoln Center host "A Gospel Gala," part of the Lincoln Center Festival. The event features Shafiq Bheico at Avery Fisher Hall. 6:30 p.m. (212) 721-8500.

Disney's head artist in charge



Walt Disney's animator, Bruce Smith designs his character Kerchak.

LOS ANGELES — Walt Disney Pictures' exciting new animated feature, "Tarzan" takes filmmakers on an extraordinary jungle adventure. Bruce Smith, a talented animator/director ("Bebe's Kids," "Space Jam") designed and supervised the character, Kerchak, the respected gorilla patriarch.

"In any animated film," explains Smith, "production starts off with a lot of research. For the character Kerchak, there was an extensive amount of research conducted." To help prepare for the long creative journey, the directors and a group of artistic supervisors set out on an African safari in March 1996. Touring the animal reserves in Kenya, visiting the mountain gorillas in Uganda and observing Bwindi's "impenetrable forest" proved to be invaluable influences on the filmmakers.

Smith's passion for animation dates back to his fondest childhood memories. "Early on, when I told my mother that I wanted to be a cartoonist, she panicked because the only words she could associate with my announcement were that I wanted to become a 'starving artist'."

Having worked on "Tarzan," has definitely been an exhilarating experience for Smith. "The personalities that

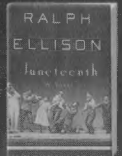
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
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7-10-1998 TO 7-9-2000
2. **SERVICE FOR THE MANAGEMENT FEE FOR THE WORKERS COMPENSATION INSURANCE COVERAGE**
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\$ _____
(H) Number of Employees in: 30
(I) Estimated Payroll in: \$ 900,000.00

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Mr. Kevin Quince, Executive Director
Housing Authority of the Township of Woodbridge
Attn: Mr. William Cox, Director of Finance and Administration

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PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY
COMPREHENSIVE SECURITY ASSESSMENT

The Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick is seeking proposals from qualified security consultants to conduct a comprehensive security assessment of the Authority's multi-family, high rise, and senior development. An assessment is requested that includes an on site inspection of each development to determine required man power and what physical layout changes or improvements are required to optimize security. The proposal must include an inclusive cost for completing the assessment and estimated cost of improvements. All proposals must include a **STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS** which details work of a similar nature, along with references and resumes of the principal individuals to be involved in the assessment. Information packages will be available and can be picked up by all interested parties at the Housing Authority Offices, 18 Van Dyke Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Proposals must be submitted in triplicate and received no later than **FRIDAY, JULY 9, 1999, 1:00 p.m.** prevailing time. The Housing Authority reserves the right to waive any informality in any proposal, and to reject any and all proposals, and to accept such proposals and make such award as may be in the best interest of the Authority.
At questions after pickup or requests for additional information shall be made via FAX: 732-214-8905
Mr. John Clarke, Chief of Staff, 732-214-8905
Kevin Quince, Executive Director
Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY
CERTIFIED APPRAISER

The Housing Authority of the City of New Brunswick is seeking proposals from Certified Professional Appraisers/Certified Professional Appraiser Firms to perform an appraisal of a portion of the Authority's Real Assets.
The Authority owns, operates and maintains four complexes consisting of 963 low-income public housing units: Robeson Village, 19 family units, Solvents Homes, 200 family units, New Brunswick Homes, 245 family units, and Hoffman Pavilion, 58 elderly/independent units.
The Authority's financial statements are now being audited in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) instead of the HUD Accounting Principles, which was the basis of accounting previously used. HUD's Accounting Principles offer from GAAP and involve a historical cost appraisal is needed so that certain fixed assets on the Authority's books can be adjusted, thus providing an accurate basis for out Authority Auditor and GAAP Reporting.
Information packages will be available and can be picked up by all interested parties at the Housing Authority Offices, 18 Van Dyke Avenue, New Brunswick, New Jersey. Proposals must be submitted in triplicate and received no later than **Monday, June 28, 1999, 1:00 p.m.** prevailing time. The Housing Authority reserves the right to waive any informality in any proposal, and to reject any and all proposals, and to accept such proposals and make such award as may be in the best interest of the Authority.
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Scoop NBA

Knicks bring New York 'March Madness' into the summer

Cinderella teams, miracle finishes and last second heroics represent the sort of high drama ordinarily associated with the NCAA basketball tournament and not the NBA playoffs. More than any other sport, NBA pre-season favorites Gregory Moore generally advance to the finals. If you consult your handy NBA almanac, you'd be hard pressed to find the professional equivalent of NCAA Cinderella champions like the 1984 Villanova Wildcats and the 1987 Kansas Jayhawks.



Until now, the Knicks, becoming the first 8th seed to advance to the NBA finals, have turned the metropolitan area on its ear, confounded their critics (including this one), and are the first NBA team to smugly wear a Cinderella slipper.

As the Knicks advanced through each playoff round, fans waited with baited breath for the Knicks' charter plane to turn into a pumpkin. Allan Houston's pinball-like series-winning shot against the Miami Heat overrode that fate, as did Latrell Sprewell's dominance of the Atlanta Hawks. Larry Johnson's miracle 4-point play helped the Knicks overcome the favored Indiana Pacers and extended this wild ride to San Antonio, to face the vaunted Spurs.

The Spurs, led by the 7-foot tandem of Tim Duncan and David Robinson, had won 48 of their last 54 games, and torn through the playoffs like Roseanne Barr through a bag of tortilla chips. Sweeping the Lakers and the Trail Blazers, the Spurs have looked almost invincible. But don't mistake them for the '86 Celtics, the '87 Lakers or the great Chicago Bulls teams of the latter 1990's because they're not. They are not a team for the ages, and can be beat.

Unless all of the elements come together and the Spurs can be out-hustled and lulled into mental lapses... the Spurs appear just too strong inside to be denied victory.

In order for the Knicks to pull off the upset, Marcus Camby needs to be more than just a pleasant surprise. He has to start at both ends of the court and mitigate the impact of Duncan who may be the NBA's best player. They must keep a body on David Robinson, a face-painter who can be distracted by aggressive physical play. Chris Dudley and Kurt Thomas must stay out of foul trouble while delivering well-timed elbows, or the Knicks' interior defense will suffer. As for the Knicks' interior scoring, Larry Johnson be as close to 100 percent as possible. Without him, only Camby presents a legitimate low post scoring threat, which will not be enough.

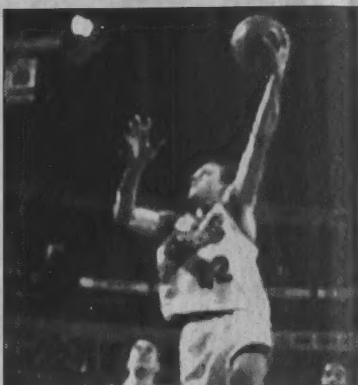
The Knicks must exploit their advantage on the perimeter. When Allan Houston and Latrell Sprewell total 40 points or more, the Knicks usually win. Both must continue to be aggressive offensively and exploit defensive mismatches against small guard Avery Johnson.

Another key to this series, which may end on June 23 is how well the Knicks bench fares against effective Spur subs such as Jaren Jackson, Malik Rose, Jerome Kersey and Steve Kerr. Chris Childs, whose playoff play has been superb, must continue to guard from the perimeter and keep his assist-to-turnover ratio low. This series should see some close games and memorable moments. However, unless all of the above elements come together and the Spurs emulate the Pacers by allowing themselves to be out-hustled and lulled into mental lapses (see Rick Smith), the Spurs appear to be just too strong inside to be denied victory. With all due respect to Knick fans, I once again second guess the Knicks and predict a Spurs victory in 5.

CITY SPORTS

NBA Stars raise money for Neptune clinic

By Glida Rogers
Staff Writer



The Seattle Supersonics' John Crotty scored, big-time, at the Fund-Raiser.

Taking a little time to give something back to the community you came from can go along way. And John Crotty guard for the Seattle Supersonics, who grew up playing basketball in and around Red Bank at Christian Brothers Academy in Lincroft, came home to help raise money to benefit Our Lady of Providence Free Clinic in Neptune.

Billed the Follow-Thru Fund game, Keith Glass, a sports agent from Red Bank organized the basketball game and coached one of the team's featuring some NBA players, (Jamie Feick from the Nets and the Houston Rockets Matt Maloney) while Rutgers basketball coach Kevin Bannon coached the team featuring Jersey Shore Basketball League players for this annual event.

Modeling an outside court pick-up game, both teams relied upon a run-and-gun strategy with the Keith Glass

NBA Stars winning 147 to 132. Anthony Bonner, formerly with Knicks turned in a few monster slam dunks, which got the crowd rocking, while teammate Crotty sizzled - finding net from all over the place, while leading his team in scoring with 37 points.

In between halves, Crotty gave a car report on the Knicks, who seem to have their hands full in the NBA Finals with the San Antonio Spurs.

"They always had the talent, but it just seemed like they couldn't get any momentum during the season," said Crotty. "They've gotten red hot just at

the right time. With them it's almost like they're playing in the Final Four. One guy gets hurt, another guy comes off the bench and gets hot."

During halftime, kids of all ages lined up to participate in the three-point shoot around. And Kevin Jones was one lucky youngster, winning a pair of Allen Iverson sneakers, which were raffled off, while 13-year-old Scott Epstein went home \$151 richer winning the 50-50 raffle.

Overall, it was a fun event with the community along with players turning out to support a good cause.

ABdAllah brings full-contact "KA" karate to Newark

Born and raised in Newark, Karriem ABdAllah has been a major force to be reckoned with in the karate world.

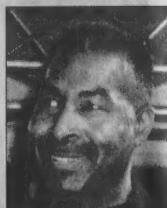
After thirty-six years in the arts ABdAllah now promotes karate events and teaches the sport. He is presenting "seven rounds" of "The Experts Hard Point Karate World Championships," on June 26 at Essex County College.

Hard Point Karate is a high impact, full contact action sport between karate experts using boxing gloves and foot pads. It is the ultimate challenge between two contenders when the anticipation and excitement of the audience grows with each combination action.

ABdAllah began karate in 1963, at the age of 17, under the guidance of his only teacher James Cheatham. His teacher's passing was a serious setback and he withdrew from the arts for one year.

Following constant pleas from youngsters to be taught, Karriem returned to karate, teaching for free in the housing projects. As his popularity and demand grew, it was necessary to open a school. By November, 1977, through the generosity of three friends Timmy Miller, Garfield Davis and Tony "Chink" Shipley, Karriem opened his first school of karate. This was the beginning of the creation and development of the K.A. System.

At first it was difficult for the karate world to accept the K.A. System, but as time passed and the fighters kept



Karriem ABdAllah winning, the K.A. System was recognized like all other styles of karate. His karate system consists of seven different fighting styles, with 18 in between, reaching a total of 93 styles of fighting. From 1967-1977 over 15,000 people were trained in the K.A. System of karate.

In 1977 ABdAllah retired from karate. For the next 10 years (1977-1987) he traveled the world class circuit as a trainer in kick boxing, amateur and professional boxing. However, in 1987 he was persuaded by two friends, Muhammad Nashid Abdul Wasi and Al-Hajj Idra Muhammad to return to karate. During this time he wrote "The K.A. System, of Karate, The Freestyle Crouch," an integral part of the K.A. System.

Karriem credits his success in his endeavors to Almighty God Allah, hard work, discipline and sacrifice. He loves what he does and he does what he loves and that is teaching karate to the world.

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